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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2001, applicant submits the following remarks and respectfully requests prompt reconsideration. Claims 1-31 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 11, 18, 24, 25, and 30 are independent.

Form PTO-2038 is enclosed for credit card payment of \$200 for the requested two-month extension of time. Applicant and his assignee have previously qualified as small entities.

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REJECTIONS OF CLAIMS 1-10 UNDER § 112(2)

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Claims 1-10 stand rejected as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicant regards as the invention.

The Office Action considers the language "a plurality of types" unclear. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection, and submits that the claim language clearly recites a group of connectors of at least two types. The word "type" is a commonly used term that is widely understood to mean "a particular kind, class, or group." Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, www.m-w.com.

The phrase "a plurality of types" does not make claim 1 indefinite under § 112, second paragraph. Claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-9 clearly require a power

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